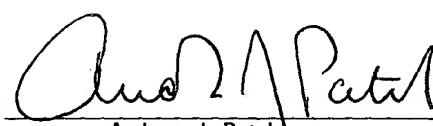
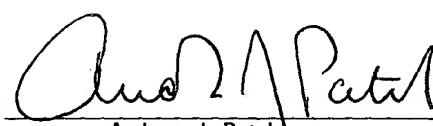
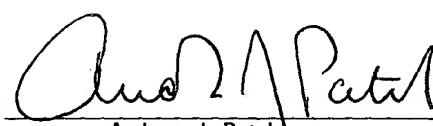


U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER: 99-1043-US  U.S. APPLN. NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>09/786442</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/JP/99/04801	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: 3 September 1999	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: 3 September 1998 and 16 March 1999
TITLE OF INVENTION: RECEPTOR PROTEIN AND METHOD FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF AN INFLAMMATORY DISEASE BY USING THE SAME		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Tsuneo TAKAHASHI, Mitsuharu ONO, Hiroshi ISHIMARU, Kimiyoshi KANNO and Chiaki TAKAHASHI		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.	
2. <input type="checkbox"/>	This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.	
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).	
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.	
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))	
	a. <input type="checkbox"/>	is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
	b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	has been transmitted by the International Bureau. (see attached copy of PCT/IB/308)
	c. <input type="checkbox"/>	is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
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	Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).	
	a. <input type="checkbox"/>	are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
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	c. <input type="checkbox"/>	have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
	d. <input type="checkbox"/>	have not been made and will not be made.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	A translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).	
Item 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:		
11. <input type="checkbox"/>	An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.	
12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.	
13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.	
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14. <input type="checkbox"/>	A substitute specification.	
15. <input type="checkbox"/>	A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.	
16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other items or information: International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409)	
Cover page of the International Publication International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) Notice Informing The Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices(PCT/IB/308) Sequence Listing (8 pages & a diskette with sequence listing in computer readable format) Certificate of Deposit of Microorganism & translation Abstract of the Disclosure on a separate sheet Application Data Sheet		

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